

# R H E T O R I C

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## SGA reveals blockbuster policies

In an emotional and dramatic display of raw power, the SGA announced an innovative series of radical legislation.

G. Dub Flahoerus, a political science major and co-chairman of UWSG (Up With Student Government) described this development as "a document of brilliant magnitude which will prove to be more significant for modern man than the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence or Karl Marx's 'Communist Manifesto.'" Flahoerus added, "It will rock the very foundation of political thought and signal the birth of a fresh, invigorating liberal movement concerned with the consumption of power."

The document includes the following policies:

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The blackboard will only be used for general messages, such as meetings, etc.

Personal messages shall be placed in the message box that is on top of the file cabinet.

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Supplies will only be ordered through Laura Theochares (Chairperson of Public Relations) or any member of that committee. This committee will also keep a record book of any merchandise ordered, bought or stolen.

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At all times the office will be kept neat. Shelves are provided for books and other materials. Failure to comply with this policy will result in stern penalty.

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All resource material must be signed-out of the office and a note left in the message box of the Executive Board.

### COUNCIL MEETING POLICY

No one may leave a council meeting. After 45 minutes there will be a 10 minute recess.

Any council member may call a caucus.

### DUPLICATING MACHINE POLICY

Anyone wishing to use the Duplicating Machine must fill out a slip with their name and the name of the committee they represent.

Last year this machine was in the RED and everyone must adhere to this policy - including council members.

The request slip should be dropped in the appropriate box found in the bottom drawer in the right side of the desk.

## Change of status for Academic Dean

Dr. George H. Merriam, Academic Dean at Fitchburg State College for the past decade, has been granted a year's sabbatical leave by the Board of Trustees of Massachusetts State Colleges for study in the fields of American and Technological History. During his sabbatical year he will travel to Great Britain, Germany, and Austria to study certain aspects of the History of Technology at such sites as Coalbrookdale and Newcastle-on-Tyne in England, Munich, Germany, and Vienna, Austria. He will also devote some time to study at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington.

Upon his return to Fitchburg State College Dr. Merriam will teach courses in History, including work in American Colonial History and the History of Technology. Throughout his years as Academic Dean Dr. Merriam has maintained a consistent interest in the study and teaching of History, and has taught at least one course a year in either American or Industrial History. He received his Bachelor's degree in History from Clark University, his Master's degree in History from Brown University, and his Doctor of Philosophy degree with a major in Colonial American History from Clark University.

Dr. Merriam is a member of the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the New England Historical Association, and is a Fellow of the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Fitchburg's President James J. Hammond, in commenting upon the Dean's request to return to the classroom said, "I have been aware of Dr. Merriam's strong desire to return to teaching for some years. In fact, from the first year of his service as Dean it was clearly understood that he wished to return eventually to teaching. In his continuing study and part-time research

in the History of Industry and Technology he has reached a point where he had to make a decision about his future, which he has now done. Though he will be missed from his post of Academic Dean his concentrated study in his special field of interest promises to be of significance to the College and its students, and we wish him well."

His duties for the coming year will be assumed by other members of the College Administration, with Dr. Lawrence Quigley, Executive Vice President, exercising his role as Chief Academic Officer.

## Turner speaks on tuition hike

The following is a statement presented by the S.G.A. Pres. Scott Turner, concerning the controversy surrounding state colleges' tuition increases and budget cuts, given at a student rally in the Behavior of Science Auditorium on September 17, 1975.

We've called this student body meeting because over the last 12 months there have been several issues discussed at a statewide level that affect students directly and if we go on the premise that Student Government should not only represent you on campus, but should also represent you on a state level as well as a national level when necessary, (and I think it should), then we must get information to you and feed-back from you, in order to represent you accurately and effectively. Without your support and feed-back we are merely a group of people talking for ourselves which gives us no credibility in the larger political arena.

The three issues I would like to discuss today are:

1. tuition
2. scholarships and financial aid
3. budget cuts on this campus

For those of you who may not know yet, our tuition at the State Colleges was raised by \$200 a year in August by the Board of Trustees. I'd like to take a minute and go into the history of this tuition increase.

Those of you who attended the rally last spring will remember that we were fighting tuition increases then. There were two bills in the State House that would have raised our tuition substantially. With the incredible amount of work that this organization did, (and they put in many long days as well as working week-ends), and equally fantastic job you people did with your support of our petitions and your letters to Representatives there these bills died in committee. We took the petitions that you signed and presented them to Representatives

at the State House. We heard many reports from Representatives that they were receiving letters from Fitchburg State students.

If all of this is true what happened?

The answer is that the Board of Trustees, in a special meeting (and I think in haste) raised the tuition in August. The Board voted with the minimum number of members present and with students, due to some misunderstanding, barred from the meeting until after the debate was concluded. The Board is not an elected organization--members are appointed by the Governor. The only input that students have with the Board of Trustees is with the student trustee member, who was not at the meeting. The Board, according to all reports we received, was not supposed to vote on a tuition increase until September.

Money that is gained from the tuition increase will not come back to the campuses or to the public higher education system but will go into the general fund. In the area of scholarships and financial aid the most encouraging thing to happen is that the M.T.A. (Mass. Teachers' Assoc.) is filing legislation on our behalf in order to raise our percentage of state scholarship money. As you remember it is stated in the Willis Harrington Act that the students attending higher public education will receive no more than 25% of the 10.5 million dollars worth of state scholarship money. The rest goes to private institutions. The bill being filed by the M.T.A. will be aimed at getting public higher education at least 50% of that state scholarship money. It is important that you are aware of this legislation and are prepared to support it when it is introduced which should be the first of this year.

There is presently a bill in the house calling for a maximum of 50% of the scholarship money to go to public higher education. It is House Bill 2075 which received an unfavorable report from the Joint Education Committee and is not expected to pass. I feel that this bill does not give us a big enough percentage and thus was not supported.

## Rhetoric editor announces resignation

Lori Bartelloni, who last year served as editor of the school newspaper, "The Rhetoric", has announced her resignation.

"The stringent needs of such a demanding position require a total devotion of time and energy," Ms. Bartelloni announced. "I would like to be able to continue as editor of the newspaper, but because of the nature of my course load and because of other time-consuming responsibilities, I am unable to do so. I enjoyed my stay as editor and hope to continue to work in some manner with the Rhetoric."

Last September Ms. Bartelloni volunteered to fill the void when there was no one acting as editor of the school paper, then called the Cycle. She operated as the editor for the entire year and in April ran and was elected to that position.

"I am very sorry to have to resign. I wish the Rhetoric the best of luck in the future, and I am grateful for the opportunity that I had to serve the students of Fitchburg State," Ms. Bartelloni concluded.

Assuming the vacated position is the former associate editor, Stephen Walkowicz.

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LETTERS  
TO  
THE  
EDITOR

... AND OTHER PEOPLE

EDITORIAL POLICY

Letters must be accompanied by a name and address, to be withheld if the writer so wishes. This is for the sole protection of Rhetoric, and all letters will be held strictly confidential by the editor.

Dear Editor;  
Being new to this much-maligned campus, I would appreciate it if you would find a little space in the paper for this small commentary. Speaking of the much-maligned, I chance this opportunity to give an unusual kind word to Herlihy Hall. Among the many adjectives upperclassmen had for this dormitory, none too many are complimenting.

Unfortunately these people are marked with unjust cause. I find the gentlemen in Herlihy are polite, kind, can carry quite intellectual conversations and in short, a decent people wrongly marked and foolishly snubbed by the two jailhouses adjacent.

Hedda Hopper

Dear Editor;  
I was wondering if you could tell me why Fitchburg State College does not offer a Political Science major. I am a sophomore and a History major right now, but I would like to major in Political Science. Since F.S.C. doesn't offer it I will have to transfer. Also there are only two political science teachers so how can I prepare myself for transferring over?

Hopefully yours,  
Jasperina Robits

Editor's Note: I sympathize with your problem. It is unfortunate that F.S.C. does not offer a major in Political Science. But if enough students interested in Political Science get together and rally round the flag, you might see some action.

Dear Editor;  
The mood of the school has really changed. It is so much friendlier this year. Even my boyfriend Ted is friendly. It used to be that the only time he would ever smile was when his mom was having a heart attack. Now Ted even laughs out loud. Even the dogs that hang around the quad are friendly. Some of them are too friendly though. One of them tried to mount me. Even the professors and the assistant professors who teach here are friendly. Some of them are also too friendly. One of them tried to mount me. I think the mood of F.S.C. is real happy, just like one of those cute, little smile buttons. The spirit of love has captured our school. Isn't it just swell?

Sincerely yours,  
Louise Shoute

Dear Editor;  
My question to you is simple - where can a girl living on campus who is interested in meeting some men of the opposite sex go to meet them? I am a freshman from western Mass., am not unattractive and I believe I am fairly bright, but to tell you the truth, I am very disappointed with the All College Party scene!  
I'm just not the type to drink 8 beers before leaving for the party only to get there and drink 8 more and then try to dance!  
It's too bad that there is no place for people who like to party in a quieter atmosphere.

Siamanized,  
Karen DePucia

Editor's Note: There are many adequate places one can meet with members of the opposite sex and initiate a sturdy relationship. Those that immediately come to mind include: traffic jams, ballet classes, Udall for President rallies, Kung Fu exhibitions, public hangings, parakeet funerals, Nazi parades, and orgies.

Editor's  
comment

I am spewing forth some last second garbage from the editor's desk. Even now I have already blown my deadline by two days. There is a heap of trash that threatens to consume the office and I have a pounding headache that threatens to hammer me into an asylum. So far I can just barely tolerate being editor. I have grandiose hopes for Rhetoric. They have not yet been realized, as evidenced by our debutante issue, but nevertheless; I retain my glow of foolish optimism. The issues will get better. (Perhaps by April). My only excuse is that it is rather difficult starting from scratch. If anyone has even a flicker of desire to assist the Rhetoric in anyway, please do. I don't care if you have no talents whatsoever. I am in the same predicament and look how far I've gone. If you would like to join the Rhetoric staff, either drop by the office or drop me a note - Box 5781. If you would like to submit an article, ad, photograph or personal message, place it in the Rhetoric mailbox which is located just outside the office; and please try to meet our deadline. The deadline for our next issue is 5 o'clock Friday, October 2. Thank you,  
S. Walkowicz

To the student body;

The sisters of the Adelpian Society would like to welcome everyone back to F.S.C. for another semester. To keep the college community informed, our club is planning an active and enjoyable year. We started the year off with a picnic at Camp Monomonac on September 6, and upcoming activities include a trip to the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield on September 21 and our usual active participation in intramural sports and social events. Also, we would like to mention that fall pledging will be coming up and all interested sophomore, junior, and senior girls are reminded that they are cordially invited to pledge.

ADELPHIAN SOCIETY  
'75 - '76 Officers

President - Lyn Miller;  
Vice-President - Cathy Pendlebury; Recording Secretary - Linda Scott; Corresponding Secretary - Dotty Caldwell; Treasurer - Renelle LeBlanc; Social Chairmen - Patti Sullivan and Jennifer Vachowski.

SIGMA ALPHA DELTA

To the student body;

The brothers of Pi Sigma Upsilon would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Fitchburg State. We hope that this will be the start of a pleasant year. The new officers of the Fraternity are:  
Vice President - Randy Talancy, pledgemaster; Treasurer - Mike Joubert; Recording Secretary - Roger Goodwin; Social Chairman - Fred Vona; Athletic Chairman - Bill Leaver; Corresponding Secretary - Dennis Bell; Alumni Secretary - Paul Cuoco. Active members on campus are Brian Kane, Peter Callahan, Jay Cabana, Richie Bonanno, Mark Leonard, Ken Johnson and Mike Sullivan. In promoting social unity the Fenwicks sponsor an All College Party at the Colonial Pub every Tuesday night. Sign up for Fenwick Fall Pledging will be October 1. Any male student interested in finding out what our Fraternity offers should stop by the sign-up table in Thompson Hall. A special thank you to the Rhetoric for allowing us to use a portion of this paper. Best wishes in the upcoming school year.

Joe Spadano  
President

To the student body;

Alpha Phi Omega's history deals with men - a very special group of men - who hold certain beliefs in common and who share a common heritage. It is our hope that soon you will join these men. Alpha Phi Omega is a national service fraternity - made up of men of all faiths, and of all races, who come from every part of these United States. We call ourselves APO's and are members of an organization incorporated as Alpha Phi Omega - (three letters from the ancient Greek alphabet). Our heritage began in Pennsylvania, less than a decade after the close of the first World War. The formal initiation, our first ceremony, took place in December 1925 on the campus of Lafayette College in Easton, Pa.; and so an idea, designed to help young men withstand the challenge of life, as well as providing them with opportunities for continued leadership, friendship and service, bore fruition and became a reality. We feel the principles of Alpha Phi Omega have been vital to the well being of all mankind for centuries. Our brotherhood has brought to colleges and universities across our nation the important programs of friendship, leadership, and service. If you are interested in learning more about our chapter here on campus please contact either John Boisvert, Chapter President 1338 or Dave Roberts, pledgemaster 5177 through the campus mail.

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Anamadversion

by S. Walkowicz

I never envisioned that the position of editor might one day be dropped into my lap, but it has been, and so, shedding the layers of languor and uncertainty, I prepare to cuddle up into the lap of apathy. Because the job requires tremendous devotion and the sacrifice of prodigious chunks of time, I am not exactly ecstatic about it, although I certainly am honored. My philosophy of journalism is one of finely structured and carefully ordered chaos. I do not seek to inform the uninformed, educate the ignorant, nor preach to the campus congregation. Although it is certainly easier to draw blood from a carcass than it is to halt its flow, I shall not advocate a search and destroy policy upon the oozing carbuncles that infect the face of Fitchburg State. I do not expect the paper to become surgeon to these sores either, for if I know anything at all (which is a debatable point) I know that this newspaper can not right any wrongs, although it can and certainly will write of them. So then, if I carry no cross and possess no noble mission, what is it that compels me to toil as the editor of the Rhetoric? The answer is a simple one and is in the true sense of hedonism--I expect to enjoy it. I hope that this newspaper will stimulate and entertain not only myself, but also, the students of Fitchburg State. This is my only goal. The Rhetoric will neither run from nor foolishly chase after the whistling of the wind. I don't really quite know what that means but it certainly sounds poignant and sufficiently rhetorical.



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# FSC mixed choir rehearsals begin

by Lyn Dee Miller

Twelve All State Choir participants add balance and quality to the Fitchburg State College Mixed Choir this year as the FSC Choral Arts Association sponsored group began rehearsals last evening at the McKay Campus School Music Department.

Mr. David Rousseau, director of the choir stated, "It is the most experienced talent the FSC Mixed Choir has ever seen." He added that he counted 20 men present, more than has ever shown before for a first rehearsal of the school year.

The choir's plans include a Christmas musical, concert trips and participation in the annual Christmas and spring concerts sponsored by the association.

One trip of major importance will be to North Adams State College to the Massachusetts State Colleges Choral Arts Festival next spring.

There are limited positions available in the choir for students who wish to get involved, have some fun and earn a credit (per semester). The choir meets Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the music room at the McKay Campus School. If you enjoy singing and desire to join, attend the next rehearsal ready to audition. See you there.

## Aptitude scores hit new low

by Curt Koehler

(CPS) — While tuition and the cost of living spiral higher and higher, one traditional statistical marker for students continues to fall: aptitude scores for college-bound seniors.

In the steepest plunge in the last eleven years, average Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores for 1975 graduating high school seniors fell ten points on the verbal part of the test and eight points on the mathematical section below the scores of 1974 graduates. The nosedive continued a downward trend that has seen the average verbal score fall 44 points and the average mathematical score drop 30 points since 1963.

1975 college-bound seniors earned an average 434 verbal score and an average 472 mathematical score. On the SAT's 200-800 scale, 20% fewer of the 1975 graduates had verbal scores at or above 600, while 8% more had scores in the 200-400 range.

The SAT, according to the College Entrance Examination Board, sponsor of the test, is "a standardized measure of developed reasoning abilities important in college courses." Test scores are used by college admission boards and scholarship agencies to compare students from widely differing schools.

# Templeton

Jack Power

Have you ever felt isolated, alone, forgotten? How would you like to help someone who feels that way almost every day? Only fifteen miles from campus there is a group of men who, because they're a little slower than most, have been segregated from the rest of society. Over two hundred seventy-five mentally retarded adult men live at Templeton State Colony and although they are given valuable work in the Colony's farm, sheet metal shop, cafeteria, and sawmill, they do need some contact with the outside world.

Twelve years ago, seeing this need and realizing the men's love of music, the staff at the Colony advertized Templeton dances through local radio and newspapers. For five years there was no response; finally however news reached Fitchburg State Special Education Club and coming on packed buses Fitchburg students have been the backbone of many successful dances.

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If you want to feel wanted, important, and loved come to a Templeton dance. For a few hours every two months, you can get away, have a good time, and bring a little happiness into the lives of some special people.

First Dance: Tues., Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.



## Special education club notes

by D. Alexander

The Special Education Club, Inc. of Fitchburg State College began its season Tuesday, September 9 at 8 p.m. Many people came and helped to make the kick-off meeting a big success. The staff was introduced and there were short speeches given by various members of the club faculty and by Chairman of the Volunteer organizations contained in the club.

There was also a new addition for this year. The Newman Center has decided to donate their services to the club. Representing the center was Brenda MacDonald.

Membership cards to the Special Education Club were sold Tuesday night. For those of you who were not able to attend, you may obtain one from any of the staff, whose names and box numbers are listed below. Membership cards are required before club members will be notified about the activities of the volunteer organizations.

### POSITION-NAME-BOX NO.

President, Don MacIntosh, 3845; Vice President, Paul Timmins, 5646; Secretary, Cindy Anderson, 1067; Treasurer, Sherill Vanasse, 5716; Senior Rep., Peg DeRoch; Junior Rep., Lynne Neely, 4765; Sophomore Rep., Jim Carberry, 1556; Public Relations, Dawn Alexander, 1035.

### COMING EVENTS

Templeton Dance: Oct. 28, Buses leave High Rise at 6:30. REMEMBER!! ANYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE CLUB.

## Drop your drawers

Tuesday night began like Monday night with our floor's initiation beginning at nine o'clock, ending with a generous dousing of water. We were just cleaning up the mess when a loud chorus of male voices was heard in the distance. As it grew louder we realized we were about to be the victims of a good old-fashioned panty raid.

On every floor girls flocked to the front windows, straining to see the oncoming masses.

"Drop your drawers! Drop your drawers!" the cry was heard, echoing in the night. Few figures were discernable, adding to the mystery and mounting excitement.

Scattered panties and other

paraphernalia began floating down to the eagerly awaiting arms of the Herlihy Hornies. Some were weighted with beverage cans, cigarette boxes and even intermingled with buckets of water that seemed to discourage the not-so-eager members of the group. There were, however, enough stalwart panty-seekers that refused to be intimidated by those minimal discomforts, and even clawed, kicked, and punched their way to becoming the proud owners of the frilly wisps of undergarments.

We will never forget the brave fellow out in front as long as he spends his days here. Undaunted, he screamed, straining his voice upwards

in an unsurpassed effort to communicate his desires. We'll never forget that big white Banlon.

The girls were equally rewarded for their efforts with repeated glimpses of those glorious lily-white backsides that Herlihy men possess.

Fitchburg's Finest were on hand, doing their duty, and enjoying it all, I might add. They even furthered the cause by contributing a spotlight.

Alas, the night could not last forever and the magic of the evening was soon dispelled.

Just as quickly as they came the group disbanded, leaving everyone exhilarated, exhausted and pantyleless.

by Paula Rudenaur

## Women's Conference

by Joanne D'Arcangelo

The fall conference of The Council for Women in Massachusetts Higher Education will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, at U Mass/Amherst.

This meeting's program included the analysis of current, relevant topics concerning and affecting women in all levels of higher education.

Speeches and workshops will focus on women's political influence and involvement, equal educational opportunities, and the repercussions of current financial restraints imposed on Massachusetts State institutions.

Exposure to the facts of these issues insures a greater awareness and control of the events which affect all women, as students, faculty and staff members.

The purposes of the Women's Council, which was established one year ago, are...to serve as a resource center for institutions needing special assistance...to (distribute) information on women's issues...to coordinate activities dealing with common problems (and to) serve as a clearing house for job availabilities."

The council welcomes all women affiliated with any segment of higher education to the convention, and encourages all to support the council's function to work for YOU!

### PROGRAM FOR FALL CONFERENCE

UMASS/AMHERST, 120 SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION AND COFFEE- Lobby 120 S.B.A.

9:45 a.m. GREETINGS FROM: Randolph W. Bromery, Chancellor

10:00 a.m. KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Rose Oliver, Prof. of Psychology at Amherst College and Head of the Governor's Committee on the Status of Women in Massachusetts. She will speak on "The Future for Women in Public Higher Education." Questions from the floor.

11:15 a.m. Speaker: A representative from H.E.W. will discuss the upcoming implementation in the State this fall of Chapter 622 and Title XI, state and federal legislation concerned with equal opportunity for women in all phases of education. Questions from the floor.

12:30 p.m. LUNCHEON BREAK — Newman Center. "Topic Tables" will be assembled for those interested in discussion and exchanging information on a particular subject. Conversation co-ordinators will be assigned to each area. You may choose a topic noted on the registration form, or suggest another.

2:00 p.m. PLENARY SESSION: By laws changed, election of officers, etc.

For registration and transportation information please contact: Joanne D'Arcangelo - Campus Bx 2159; Louise Therrian - Campus Bx 5620.

## Help me Rhonda

Rhonda Coody

Rhetoric proudly introduces Miss Rhonda Coody to our veritable mob of avid readers.

You, our veritable mob of avid readers, are, no doubt, thinking, "Why does this Rhonda Coody think she has the wisdom and sensibility to mercifully guide the unsuccessful, the unloved, and the unhappy to a utopia, a nirvana, a paradise regained?"

We directed such a poignant probe to the affable and adorable Rhonda.

"Well, to begin with, I can't make people's problems melt away like a Nestle's crunch bar stuck on a radiator, but I know that I can help. I have had a lot of practice.

"My brother, Eugene, who I call Ted, says that our gracious God granted me inner warmth, spiritual tranquility, and a pacific soul. Ted says that I am a daisy growing on a mountain of coal. I don't trust Ted. He looks at me funny when I am in a bathing suit.

"When I was in high school my close friend Gina Rose Dunphy often asked me for advice. Because I cared deeply for Gina Rose I advised her go ask someone else. Gina Rose, by the way, soon fell into a sinking depression when Leo Blammeyer, the captain of the chess team, hickeyed up her entire body the night before the senior prom--"Color Our World with Crayolas." Gina was going to go to the prom with dashing Lance Lewis, the fleet-footed and very jealous star half-back for our state championship football team; and if Lance ever found out he would have put on his football spikes and run left tackle all over Leo's enormous nose. Gina Rose was in a quandary and plummeted into canyons of hopeless despair and couldn't face it, so she quaffed a taste of hemlock. I felt real bad about it."

We also asked the charming and coquettish Miss Coody if she would be so kind as to remove the cloaks of secrecy and bare the inner mechanisms of her cranial cavity. She complied.

"I like to spend my free time either collecting toy dolls from all over the world, working with the elderly in nursing homes, singing cantos in the church choir, or feeling up athlete's thighs.

"I like to dance and my favorite color is blue. Cucumbers are my favorite fruit and I really love to run barefoot in puddles after a thundershower. I prefer light red wines and always do fifteen sit-ups before retiring. I adore the Reader's Digest's condensed version of the Book of Genesis, yearn for a man like Glenn Ford, and dream about doing it while going downhill on a 10-speed bike.

"I believe in God, but I wouldn't want to be marooned on a desert island with him and I think oral sex is O.K. as long as you don't have a speech defect.

"I want to be a gynecologist or the lead singer in a conga band and I have a powerful desire to torture the Pope by forcing him to play eighteen holes of golf with Billy Graham. I think paisley panties are kinky and I am getting very bored with answering these questions."

If you, one of the veritable mob of avid readers of Rhetoric, possess any problems, questions, troubles, doubts, fears, or sexual inadequacies, drop a note addressed to Rhonda Coody in our Rhetoric mailbox. She will answer anything.

## Sociology Club

The Sociology Club has officially begun its activities for the first semester and we would like to begin our year by inviting the student body to join us in our plans. We will be holding a monthly firm workshop on a variety of topics, including prison reform, welfare, religion, and city problems. We also will be having guest speakers visiting the campus and field trips to institutions and organizations around the New England area

as well as a major trip to Washington, D.C. in the spring.

Our club is open to the entire student body and if you would like to learn more about our plans for the coming year, come to the Newman Center, Thursday from 2-4 for a film and workshop and get to know us.

We hope to see you there!

Robin Ultcht  
President





# Tuition hikes spur student strikes

by Anthony Schmitz

(CPS) — Soaring tuition is being met with more than grumbling this year as students across the country organize tuition strikes and file lawsuits to protest rapidly increasing education costs.

A tuition strike at Northern Illinois University (NIU) cut class attendance by as much as two thirds on September 9, according to organizers, although department chairmen said there was no substantial change in attendance. While students have already paid tuition for the fall semester, student government members suggested that a "possible tactic for the future" would be to withhold payment of tuition.

Striking students protested an increase in tuition recommended by the state Board of Higher Education that would increase the proportion of total education costs paid for by students from 25% to around 33% by 1980. Tuition costs for an "average" student would increase from the \$404 presently paid to \$678 by 1980.

Demonstrations are planned for September 18 at City University of New York (CUNY) to protest a hike in graduate tuition from \$45 to \$75 per credit. Fees for undergraduates have gone up by \$20, but student leaders conceded that graduates "are the ones really hit hardest" by tuition jumps that could raise the cost of getting a graduate degree by more than \$1300. "People are dropping out like flies," according to one student government member.

Organizers claimed that higher fees have been coupled with decreases in money allotted to educational programs. The result, according to Jay Hershenson, a CUNY student, is that students are "charged higher fees and end up paying for shit."

Hershenson said that unless more state money is funneled to CUNY, organizers will attempt to bring students and faculty together within the 18-unit CUNY system for a joint strike later in the month.

CUNY and NIU are not the only colleges imposing tuition increases this fall. The College Entrance Examination Board estimated that the average total costs for attending a four-year public college will be \$2679 this year. That's about a 12% increase from 1974 costs. Private colleges registered a 9% jump, according to CEEB, with average costs at \$4391.

One of the effects of higher tuition is to keep economically disadvantaged persons and minorities out of the education system, according to a resolution passed at a recent National Student Association (NSA) convention. Participants in the convention demanded that tuition be frozen and that steps be taken in the future to roll back tuition costs.

NSA joined the fight against higher education costs by lobbying against President Ford's veto of a bill that appropriated \$2.4 billion to higher education institutions in student loans, work-study programs and other financial aid.

Student lobbying and demonstrations against higher education costs haven't begun exclusively with the new school year, however. Demonstrations against fund cutbacks and tuition hikes were held last year at Brandeis, Brown, Princeton and Rutgers, as well as the universities of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

Although most of the protests were peaceful, more militant protests at Brandeis and Brown involved minority students who occupied buildings at both schools. Rising tuition coupled with a decrease in student financial aid affects them most severely, minority students claimed. They also fear that universities will use hard times as an excuse to curtail minority recruitment.

But demonstrations aren't the only form that student tuition protests are taking. Medical students at George Washington University have sued their school to block a rise in tuition from the previous \$3200 charged per year to a new bill of \$5000 for the 1975-76 school year.

The five students who filed the class action suit claimed that the increase is far more than the \$200 annual increase projected in the catalogue they were given when they enrolled.

University President Lloyd Elliott said the university is in "full sympathy" with medical students faced with rising costs, but added that tuition increases were "the last resort" since all other fund sources have been exhausted.

If federal funds continue to dry up, George Washington administrators warned students that tuition could go as high as \$10,000 per year. Students have complained that such astronomical tuition costs would make the school a haven for the rich—the only ones still able to pay for education.



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The brothers of Alpha Phi Omega recently completed the annual book exchange. Founded in 1965, the purpose of the book exchange is to help students buy used books as cheaply as possible. In addition, students are also helped with selling last semester's books.

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Special thanks to Father Jim, Sister Katherine, and the executive board of the Newman Association for letting us use the center to hold the exchange.

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### UGANDA FOREVER

Confession: \

I am an hermaphrodite.

Alfred Louise Jenkins

We sure miss you Lori.  
The Mohawks and The Newman Center

To the Deans,

Spice up your life and do something wildly different - smile and really mean it.

P.Q.

Jane,

Though you think of me as nothing, I'am something; and you are something else.

Roy

Dear F.U.B.A.R.'s,

You are an immoral, disgusting horde of ass-hole barbarians. •

Love, Stu

Leo,

Though you walk through the valley of darkness you fear not; you blind fool!

Cheech

## ATTENTION SOPHOMORE CLASS!

You elected me to represent you in S.G.A. but I cannot do an effective job unless I get some feedback. If you are a sophomore and have any complaints, suggestions or things you would like to see done on this campus, I'd like to hear from you. I can be reached at Box #4598. This is your student government and it can only be successful if there is input from the student body, which means you; so let's hear from you soon.

There is a large number of sophomores especially commuters I never come in contact with. I'd like to hear what's on your minds or answer any questions you may have as to what's going on in S.G.A.

Barry Pettinato  
Class of '78  
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To Teresa

I miss your cabeza.

Murph

To Watson,

Elementary dear fruit-cake.

Love Gina

Happy Birthday to Sister Katherine.

Friends

I'll bet anyone ten bucks at 100 to 1 odds that Ali whoops Joltin' Joe Frazier.

(I can be reached in Herlihy.  
Just ask around for some action)

John M.

Meet me this Monday on the wall at 2:30. I will have a surprise for you.  
Love, Your Unknown Admirer

To L.R.

Your bold swagger invites the wandering and wanting eyes of many a lonely lassie.

Eve A.

Don't let your mouth write out a check that your body can't cash.

P.G.

To You Know Who: Vice week is coming! Forget your sadness cuz vice is all around you.

Enjo\$

# What's the Newman Center?

The Newman Center at Fitchburg is unique in the Diocese of Worcester. On other state college campuses, the chaplains merely maintain an office, rather than the separate facility such as at Fitchburg.

While independent of the college, the Newman Center, strives to work in close cooperation with the college community. During the past year, most departments and clubs of the college have used Newman facilities.

During the summer freshmen and new students received a letter from the staff of the Fitchburg State College Newman Center. This was one of the many attempts by the staff to familiarize the students with their presence and the availability of the facilities of the Center.

If you haven't visited the Center, drop in for coffee and meet Fr. Jim Houston and Sr. Katherine McKenna. The Newman Center is open to all members of the college community regardless of religious denomination. Take advantage of opportunities for meeting people, relaxation and study.

The Center is currently offering two mini-courses. Adjustment to College, is offered by Sr. Katherine on Monday at 6:30 p.m. C.C.D. Teacher Training conducted by Sr. Eleanor O'Malley meets on Thursday from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

An Experience in Christian Living weekend will be held Oct. 17, 18, 19 at Barlin Acres. This intercollegiate retreat is jointly sponsored by the Campus Ministry offices of Fitchburg, Mt. Wachusett and Quinsigamond. Any member of the college community is invited to participate. Applications for the 1975-76 Newman Scholarship are now available at the Newman Center and any sophomore, junior or senior may apply.

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Thursday - 4:10 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 27 - 11:30 p.m.

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(CPS) — FBI documents made public recently indicate that the agency published at least two bogus college newspapers during the late sixties. One of them, the Armageddon News, was distributed at Indiana University's Bloomington campus; the other, The Rational-Observer, at American University in Washington. The newspapers were intended to expose the New Left, containing such erudite maxims, as "War can only be abolished through war."

(CPS) — A U.S. District Court judge in Michigan has ruled that students are entitled to the same rights of privacy in dormitories as adults in their homes. The ruling stems from a suit brought by two Grand Valley State College students who were suspended when college officials found marijuana in their dorm room.





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# -SPORTS-

## Soccer season opens

### Undergrades destroy Alumni 9-0

by Al Powers

The F.S.C. 1975 Soccer Session got off to a great start with the team collecting an overwhelming (9-0) victory over the past Falcon stars. The game began with the early pressure being applied by the Falcons and after a play from the corner by Fred Vona the ball was headed into the net by Billy Leaver.

Following the goal F.S.C. kept control of the game and played fine positional soccer, which was evident all afternoon.

Fitchburg's next goal was set up by pressure deep in the alumni territory. The alumni failed on a clearing attempt

and Dave L'Ecuyer took a shot point blank from inside the penalty area beating the goalie for a 2-0 F.S.C. lead.

Bob Mervis then scored his first of three goals to cap off the first half.

The second half was totally dominated by the Falcons, with them scoring 6 times.

Goals were scored by: Bob Mervis, 3; Billy Leaver, 2; Dave L'Ecuyer, 1; Harry Logan, 2; Fred Vona, 1.

Head Coach Eugene Cassassa sees this year's team as being ready to play. He is hopeful of a good season with the return of many and some help from a few new freshmen. This should make for an exciting season.

I see this years team as being young, exciting and fun to watch. So come out and support your team. I think you'll like what you see.



### Fitchburg State College Soccer schedule, 1975

Sept. 13	Alumni	Home	1 p.m.
Sept. 17	Lowell University	Home	3 p.m.
Sept. 23	Franklin Pierce	Home	3 p.m.
Sept. 25	Framingham	Away	3 p.m.
Sept. 30	Boston	Away	3 p.m.
Oct. 4	Salem	Away	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	Mass. Maritime	Away	10 a.m.
Oct. 14	North Adams	Home	3 p.m.
Oct. 16	Westfield	Home	3 p.m.
Oct. 18	Worcester	Home	1 p.m.
Oct. 22	Bridgewater	Away	3 p.m.
Oct. 29	R.I.C.	Away	3 p.m.

### Fitchburg State College Soccer

PLAYER	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	HOMETOWN
C. Bonjorno	6'1"	188	Soph.	Goffstown, N.H.
D. Butler	6'0"	165	Fresh.	Spencer, MA.
A. Catanzaro	5'10"	165	Jr.	Shrewsbury, MA.
J. Connors	5'11"	155	Fresh.	Leominster, MA.
M. Courtney	5'10"	160	Fresh.	Worcester, MA.
A. Cousins	5'10"	165	Soph.	Leominster, MA.
P. Contauaro	5'2"	120	Soph.	Acton, MA.
M. Grenier	5'10"	165	Jr.	Spencer, MA.
M. Hall	5'6"	150	Jr.	Fitchburg, MA.
D. L'Ecuyer	5'7"	135	Jr.	Leominster, MA.
W. Leaver	5'11"	160	Soph.	Marlboro, MA.
H. Logan	5'9"	165	Sr.	Dudley, MA.
J. Marchand	5'9"	160	Jr.	Bellingham, MA.
C. May	5'9"	135	Jr.	Braintree, MA.
R. Mewis	5'11"	165	Fresh.	Quincy, MA.
C. Murphy	5'11"	155	Sr.	Holliston, MA.
C. Nikitas	5'11"	170	Soph.	Lynnfield, MA.
E. Onokala	6'0"	155	Soph.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
B. Quirk	5'11"	150	Fresh.	Watertown, MA.
F. Vona	5'7"	145	Sr.	Belmont, MA.
J. Witta	5'8"	160	Sr.	Ashby, MA.

#### WOMEN'S FALL SPORTS

by Ann McDonough

During the fall, nature undergoes a deceptively passive process; however, the women's sports program at F.S.C. revives from the stupor of summer by means of the antidote of autumn. Practice for field hockey and tennis is already underway and rigorous workouts for positions on the respective teams will insure Fitchburg State of well-prepared, "hungry" players. Ambition is great and hopefully the aspirations of an Indian summer will ripen into a harvest of success. The schedules for the two teams are as follows:

#### FIELD HOCKEY

September 30 - N.E. College, 4 p.m. - Away.  
October 1 - North Adams, 3 p.m. - Home.  
October 3 - Keene, 3 p.m. - Away.  
October 7 - Worcester, 3 p.m. - Away.  
October 9 - Framingham, 3 p.m. - Away.  
October 14 - Gordon, 3:30 p.m. - Away.  
October 21 - Westfield, 3 p.m. - Away.  
October 23 - Salem, 3 p.m. - Home.

#### TENNIS

September 25 - Regis, 3:30 p.m. - Home.  
September 29 - Lowell, 3 p.m. - Home.  
October 7 - Worcester, 3 p.m. - Away.  
October 9 - Framingham, 3 p.m. - Away.  
October 14 - Salem, 3 p.m. - Away.  
October 16 - Stonehill, 2:30 p.m. - Away.  
October 20 - Boston, 3 p.m. - Home.  
October 21 - Westfield, 3 p.m. - Away.

### M.I.B. football round up

by M. Donnelly

At a meeting held on Thursday, September 18, in the gym classroom, elections were held to elect intramural officers to help better organize the intra-mural activities this semester.

Through the democratic process and by unanimous decision Mike Donnelly and Joe (Jama) Frank, were elected as president and vice-president, respectively, of the 1975 Fall intra-mural program. A wise choice and one those involved in intra-mural will not regret.

A schedule was set up for the September 22 football opener with games being played at both the Field Hockey Field and at McKay.

Those teams participating in the fall schedule are: 1. Pranksters - last years football champions; Odyssey - runners-up to the championship crown, and playing under a new name; the Congressman and Fubars, new entries in the schedule; and also the Gov's, Wicks and Esso's. Third South rounds out the 8-team league.

Two representatives from each team were present and any questions arising during the football schedule will be voted on in like manner at any meetings that are necessary in the future.

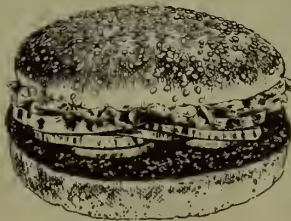
Competent officials are always in demand at these activities and word has it that officials will be paid at the rate of \$2.00 per game. I am issuing a formal invitation to all those interested in officiating the games to contact Jim Todd and offer their services.

Cheerleading will be limited to those individual good-looking FEMALE GIRLS, not already playing on one of the eight teams participating in the schedule.

They should also report to Jim Todd for screening, and then on to my office for final contract nitty-gritty.

I'm looking for an interesting, tough, competitive schedule and I am open to suggestions as to how we can better produce such schedule. Pads would be one way but THE MAN says "NO!"

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# —ENTERTAINMENT—

## Reviews

BLUES FOR ALLAH/GRATEFUL DEAD

by Steve Aalto

When a new Grateful Dead album comes out, one thing you can count on is that it will be unique. Their musical experience has varied from basic blues and rock in the early sixties to acid rock and Ken Kesey acid tests, country rock and bluegrass, gospel, and most recently a sort of free form jazz-rock. They have had their experiences with instrumental experimentation, and also lyrical poetry, tight harmonizing and strong lead vocals.

The first time I listened to BLUES FOR ALLAH, I noticed that something basic had changed in the Dead's music, but I could not put my finger on it. There was a quality to the music, but it was of a nature that I have not been exposed to. The Dead have done mellow, easy listening music before, most notably on Wake of the Flood, but never as lazy and laid-back as this.

"Help on The Way" opens the album with Garcia whimpering and whining the lyrics and rolling the notes off his steel string guitar as if he was born with it in his hands. As usual this is the most easily identifiable characteristic of The Dead's music. It continues with Garcia's "Slipknot," an instrumental vehicle for Garcia's guitar. This flows into Franklins Tower with such consistency it is difficult to separate them. Garcia continually drifts and wanders on his guitar, but somehow never loses the consistency and continuity of the album. In fact, it is the primary force in holding the album together. The whole album does not consist of individual separate cuts, but a few major compositions.

One song that does seem out of place, however is "The Music Never Stopped." It has been getting considerable FM airplay, but I think it is one of the disappointments on the album. One of the bright spots is the sax riffs, however. Other than that, I find the piece too repetitious and Bob Weirs lyrics get boring, as the creativity is lost after the first stanza.

Side two starts with "Crazy Fingers," which picks up the easy, mellow theme that was interrupted by "The Music Never Stops." If Garcia ever came close to writing a song that would be done in a Vegas night club, this is it. I can almost picture him in a tuxedo, on stage, microphone in hand, waltzing around like Engelbert Humperdink, really getting into this soft musical ballad. The lyrics promote the attitude of the whole album. "Gone are the days that we stopped to decidewhere we should go - we just ride. Gone are the broken dreams we left far behind - Gone both dreams and lies."

"Sage and Spirit" is either A. The music that accompanies you as you float up to heaven; or B. The next music channel two will use as it opens its daily programming, accompanied by picturesque views of the New England countryside in spring. If you don't get the picture yet, it is complete with woodwinds and strings and sounds like "Comes the Dawn."

Next comes the title song and is as depressing a tune as the Dead has ever done. It is a chant that sounds like a choir that's taken to eating too many quaaludes for breakfast. It is musically boring, filled with references to the Nation of Islam and Allah. This is something new with the Dead, and I personally thought their own philosophy on life is more to my liking, evident on Mars Hotel. "Give me five/I'm still alive/Ain't no luck/I learned to duck." From here the album falls into oblivion as far as I'm concerned. "Sand Castles and Glass Camels," and "Unusual Occurances in the Desert" are completely wasted on me.

This is the most disappointing Grateful Dead album to me. But as Garcia says in SIGN-POST TO NEW SPACE by Charles Reich & Jann Wenner describing the band as "a genuine monster. It's got seven wierd legs, mis-matched pairs, one moth-eaten eagle wing and one bat wing...it snorts fire and is crosseyed. It jumps up and kicks around and laughs real loud." Every Dead album takes a new direction in one musical way or another. Their talents and creativity are ever-expanding. Creativity has always been one of their most consistent characteristics and, one thing is for sure - they'll never be accused of being just another rock band.

### Book Review

XAVIER GOES WILD

by Lorena Crimmins

Xavier Hollander's new book, "Xavier Goes Wild" (Warner Paperback Library, \$1.75), claims to be 'the further adventures of the world's wildest woman.' She may be wild, but she is certainly no writer. Her literary style (or lack of one) makes a supposedly ribald book little more than a string of her latest sexual escapades.

There seems to be no plot of any kind, which I suppose is to be expected. Her constant use of alliteration (such as 'Milanese Macho' and 'Virile Vladimir') is amusing at first but monotonous after the first chapter.

On the whole, the book is

boring. Her list of sexual partners leaves the reader with little idea of any meaningful relationships. She sees sex as purely for pleasure, with little involvement. The only exceptions are her remembrances of her father and two old friends, which seem very out of place.

Xavier also keeps the reader informed that she doesn't drink. Maybe drunken sex, like drunken driving, just isn't worth the time.

This book is great for someone who has nothing to do on a Saturday afternoon.... except get horny. If you like it more than I did, you can write to Xavier's fan club. The address is: Xavier Hollander's Special Collection, Postal Box 175, Station A, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.



## Air hockey tournament

by Fran Piermarini

If you like to play games you might make it to New York or win a scholarship for your school but you will undoubtedly have fun.

The Student Union will be presenting its first Tournament this October 4, 1975. An Air Hockey Game Tournament is being held for the benefit and enjoyment of the college community. The signing up deadline is September 30 and all information is available at the information desk in the Student Union.

The tournament will consist of the best two out of three games for the single elimination and the best four out of seven for the finals.

At the conclusion of the tournament, the winner and runner-up will be eligible for the Regional Tournament. This tournament will be held

on October 18 at Westfield State.

At the regionals, the representatives will compete against other school champions for a berth in the finals. In addition, awards and merchandise will be given at the regional level.

Regional champions will receive an all expense paid trip to New York for the National Finals. All finalists will receive awards, uniforms, and merchandise. The scholarship awards of \$5,000, \$1,000 and \$500 will be made to the college's scholarship fund of the champion, runner-up, and third place finisher's schools respectively.

Mr. Rebillard, Director of the Student Union, hopes that everyone will participate and that it will be the first of many enjoyable activities.

## All-college parties

First, allow me to inform you that most of the marvelous information you're about to wallow in will never change your life. Further, the question that gave birth to these quality responses lacks imagination, depth, meaning and originality. A perfect one for me to handle. I would ask this question while at the world-known Colonial Pub and so through the weathered entrance I passed. Next I introduced some very fine drinks to my stomach and soon I felt confident that I would rise to the disaster ahead.

Why do you honestly come here would be my dramatic question and I would ask only the ladies on hand. Surely one can now understand the insanity involved. Someone had to be the first so here then are a number of their vital responses:

"Each time I come, it's for a different reason."

"To check out the competition."

"To talk with friends and make enemies."

"Maybe I'll meet mister right."

"I like dancing and drinking

and this is where it's done."

"If I have no studying to do, then I'll be here."

"One more minute in the dorm and you're insane."

"I never come alone. Always with my friends."

"It depends on the band playing."

"Everybody has a hangout and this is ours."

"To forget Fitchburg State exists."

"I like meeting people."

"Beers are cheap."

"I'm an alcoholic."

"Why do you think?"

"I don't know."

"Searching for my identity."

"To show off my best friends shirt which I borrowed."

"It's ours and my friends and a good band are here."

"I have to go to the bathroom."

Fortunately I forgot many and in being the first to record such an impressive happening I may also be the last.

R.P.G.

## Campus Chautauqua is coming

"...like the traveling tent-show Chautauquas that used to move across America...an old-time series of popular talks intended to edify and entertain, improve the mind and bring culture and enlightenment to the ears and thoughts of the nearer."

Robert Pirsig  
Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

On various Tuesday evenings throughout this semester, FSC faculty members will be sharing their time and thoughts with students at the New Hall dorm. Campus Chautauqua is based on the conviction that students and their professors should see one another outside the classroom. If you'd like to meet some interesting people--students and faculty--watch for the Campus Chautauqua signs. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

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